

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	Attorney Docket No. 2004_0416A
Katsumasa HIJIKATA et al.	:	<b>Confirmation No. 1033</b>
Serial No. 10/800,716	:	Group Art Unit 2815
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VARIABLE GAIN AMPLIFICATION CIRCUIT	:	<b>Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE</b>

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**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY AND  
RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED COPY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants note that the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The Examiner, however, has not acknowledged the claim for priority or acknowledged receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicants note that the claim for foreign priority is shown on the declaration of the present application, as well as the Claim of Priority under 35 USC 119 filed on June 17, 2004. In this regard, Applicants note that the certified copy of the priority document was also filed on June 17, 2004, and that the certified copy of the priority document is present in the image file wrapper of the present application (see entry on June 17, 2004).

In view of the foregoing, Applicants kindly request that the USPTO acknowledge the claim for foreign priority document, and acknowledge that the certified copy of the priority document has been received.

Respectfully submitted,

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